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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16 are pending.

The Office Action mailed 19 September 2005 indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if presented in independent form. This has been done. Consequently, claim 11 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-13

Takahashi (US Patent No. 4511904) and McCue, Jr. et al. (US Patent No. 6350073) have been cited under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in relation to independent claim 1.

Claim 1, as amended, recites "a mechanism for adjusting a direction of alignment of the registration feature". This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Takahashi or McCue, Jr. et al. Each of these references disclose a member (sliding length adjustment lever 35 in McCue, Jr. et al. and size regulating plate 104 in Takahashi) that can be moved to accommodate media sheets having different lengths. In both cases, the direction of the member relative to a printing device is fixed. Neither of these references discloses or suggests adjusting the direction of alignment of a registration feature. This is presumed to be unnecessary.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-14 and 16

Guy (US Patent No. 3897053) and Newhouse (US Patent No. 1865879) have been cited under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in relation to independent claims 1 and 14.

Claim 1, as amended, recites that the alignment feature, when in use, is stationary relative to the printer. Claim 14, as amended, recites that the registration feature is stationary relative to the feed path. Guy discloses a chain drive system having dogs (20) on moving chains. Guy does not disclose or suggest a stationary alignment feature. Newhouse fails to remedy this deficiency.

All pending dependent claims depend from one of claims 1 and 14. Therefore the Applicant submits that all pending claims are patentable over all of the cited references.

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Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and comments.

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